

ceremony will present ninety-one awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories, including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medal of Valor.

Fourteen awards will be bestowed upon first responders who serve with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, in recognition of their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Gold Medal of Valor:
Virginia Task Force 1
Silver Medal of Valor:
Chief (Ret.) Tyrone Harrington
Lieutenant Jay Smith
Bronze Medal of Valor:
Cpt. Barry J. Rathbone
Lieutenant Scott Kraut
Master Technician Daniel Thompson
Firefighter Jeffrey W. Cockey
Certificate of Valor:
Master Technician David J. Higgins
Acting Fire Technician James A. Wellig
Firefighter David P. Eimers
Firefighter Jacob C. Brendel
Investigator Timothy Nicholson
Fire Inspector LaTycia Tanks
Fire Inspector Raymond Figueroa

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2018 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

TRIBUTE TO CARSON FISHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carson Fisher of Panorama High School. Carson was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Sixteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on April 29, 2018.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa High School was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extra-curricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Carson Fisher in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carson on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, due to flight complications, I was unable to arrive in Washington in time to cast my vote on June 19, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR BETTE LASKY

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Bette Lasky, who will retire from the New Hampshire Senate after nearly two decades of service to her hometown of Nashua.

During her time at the Legislature, Senator Lasky has been a leading champion for voting rights, marriage equality, and the fight to bring commuter rail to New Hampshire. She has been a friend to local business and labor, assisted students and schools, and worked to ensure equal pay for women. In addition, she has been an active volunteer in her hometown community, serving as the Chair of the Nashua City Planning Board, a member of the Nashua City Selectboard, a board member of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, and so much more.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Senator Lasky for her many years of service and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so special. Her legacy will continue through the work she has been able to accomplish as a representative. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Senator Lasky on her retirement and I wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Thursday, June 14, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call vote 265 and "nay" on Roll Call vote 266.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the recipients of the thirty-fourth

annual Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Banquet hosted by the Dale City Christian Church. The 2018 banquet theme is, "This is your Season for Favor and Increase," highlights the continued emphasis placed on educational advancement in fostering personal autonomy and success.

Under the leadership of Bishop Patrick O. Thomas and Mrs. Rhonda Pittman, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Foundation has provided more than \$320,000 in scholarship funds. In addition to providing financial resources, the foundation celebrates the achievements of community activists for their efforts to improve the lives of area residents while serving as positive role models leading by example and encouraging students to seek out educational enrichment opportunities under the core mission of educating the youth of today to become engaged citizens of tomorrow.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD, the following names of the recipients of the 2018 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Fund:

Pastoral Leadership Award:
Pastors Sam & Valena Metacalfe
Religious Leadership Award:
Rev. Naomi Gibson
Educational Leadership Award:
Mrs. Dorothy Passawe
Mrs. LaVonda Wortham
Professional Leadership Award:
Mr. Corey Holeman
Community Service Award:
Mrs. Vielka Gary
Ms. Ashley Johnson
Business Achievement Award:
Jewelry by Design, Mrs. Jenny Caro
Mr. Adrian Vaughn
Youth Christian Service Award:
Mr. Carlos Chavez
Mr. Andrew Reese
Mrs. Beverly Scott
Christian Service Award:
Mr. Carlos Chavez
Mr. Andrew Reese
Mrs. Beverly Scott
Faithfulness Award:
Mr. Errol & Mrs. Maudine Graham
Mrs. Astrid Inabinet
Mrs. Athena Powell
Dedicated Christian Family Award:
Mr. & Mrs. Maverick Powell & Family
Distinguished Senior Leadership Award:
Miss Troi Stubblefield
2018 High School Scholarship Recipient:
Mr. Joshua Curtis
Mr. Cameron Harris
Miss Karina Jackson
Miss Troi Stubblefield
Mr. Riley Mitchell

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the 2018 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship recipients, and in thanking them for their individual efforts to ensure we each maintain a quality life and live a better tomorrow.

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR DEDE PHILLIPS AFTER BOBCAT ENCOUNTER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the courage of Ms. DeDe Phillips of Hart County. On June 7, Ms.